Doctors
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OUR DOCTORS

In a rural community, and especially so prior to the last ten years, with bad roads, superstition, poor understanding of sanitary conditions, much depended upon the honesty of purpose and real friendliness to his patients, yes, and to the other doctors' patients, of our doctors.

Smithfield has been particularly fortunate in the past as well as in the present in the men of the medical profession who have chosen our community in which to live and practice.

They have almost without exception been men who stood high in their alma mater's opinion with not only a good knowledge of medicine curative in years gone by, preventive in recent years, but they have been men honest and upright, with charity and a great human understanding for all suffering.

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It is an impossibility to close this sketch of our doctors without a few words of tribute to our mayor doctor, Dr. Brock for twenty years mayor of Smithfield. Didn't everyone love him? Was the way of the transgresser hard under his mayorship- It was enough to insure the good of the community, but always justice was tempered with mercy in handling the cases brought before him. Did a young boy full of energy, use some of the surplus in form of mischief and plaster some citizen's porch with mud, or take a gate off its hinges, and be reported to Dr. Brock for punishment, and it was a pretty safe bet that he would lecture the boy on the act, tell him what the consequences would be if repeated and after scaring him till he shook in his shoes, put a hand on his shoulder and say, "Here boy, take this dime and get some ice cream." The boy would leave Dr. Brock's office, one more friend added to the long, long list that our mayor doctor had, and with his memory always will have in Smithfield.

Since Isle of Wight county has been progressive enough to adopt a public health department and establish a county health unit to educate the people in health measures, we have had doctors and nurses in it who have worked hand in hand with our local doctors. They have had to contend prejudice, ignorance, bad roads, lack in years gone by, preventive in recent years, but they have been men honest and upright, with charity and a great human understanding for all suffering.

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It is a pity that Virginia's laws do not give their Health unit doctors enforcement powers. In a "clean-up campaign" all our health doctors can do is call attention to the fact that certain conditions are detrimental to the health of the community. He cannot compel these conditions to be corrected, which seems, to a mere woman, a weak link in the chain of progress.

Doctors.

Enacted, That every Physician or Chyrurgeon be allowed the true value of his druggs and means with cent per cent upon the first cost he making oath to the same, ~~and~~ — court allowing the phys & chy for his care, visitts and attendance, a recompence suitable to his deserts. apr. 1692. Hen. 3. pg. 105.

Dr. R. A. Urquhart 1850 - 51.
Dr. Robert Johnston
Dr. David Dicks
Dr. Williamson
Dr. WM Samuel Chapman b. June 5, 1836 son of Hardy & Matilda Holmes Chapman. Dr C. enlisted as a private apr. 17, 1861 was promoted to first Lt. & at the close of the war was in command of a battalion. He served at times as surgeon. was wounded five times. Mar. in widow. apr 3, 1866 anna Elizabeth Owens. ~~[illegible]~~

Dr. Jeremiah Edward Lewis Delk born in I of W. Oct. 9, 1836, son of Jeremiah & Margaret Warren Delk, married apr 26, 1877 Margaret Ada Urquhart who was the dau. of Dr. Richard Alexander Urquhart & his wife was Mary Rebecca Norfleet & born in S. H. Co. Feb 3, 1842 & was three yrs old when her parents made their home in Isle of W. Dr. Delk enlisted as a private in aug 1861 & in 1862 was promoted to sergeant, from that year until 1865 he served in the medical department at Lynchburg, Va.

Dr. J. J. Buck son of Wm. Irvin & Amanda L. (Branch) Buck. Mar. 1873 at I of W. C. H. Irene A. Hall. entered U. of Va in 1868 after receiving his degree he entered the Washington University at Baltimore where he

Minister
alexander Forbes - : 1711-12

remanded as resident steward until 1871. From then he practiced in law,

Dr. Wm J. Grimes b. Mar. 5, 1854
mar. Hannah M. Brown physician in 1900

Lawyer.
George T. Clarke began practicing in 1878. born in Surry Co. Nov 30, 1124 son of Willis + Zellah Delk Clark. mar. Indiana dau. of Saughter + Margaret Davis Cofield.

Dr.

Dr. Bradford 1812

Dr. John Jameson -
1749. 180
O. B. 1746-52

Dr. Guree - 1689
WoD B 32-303

John Pawley Fta Surgeon -
May 29, 1648. Bk a. P. 52.

In the rear of this church is the unpretentious grave of Dr. Alexander Galt, who discovered and first used the trephining process for fractured skulls.

Doctor Adams - Ext of John Morland.
1743. W. B4-467.

Doctors
Dr. Wm. Orr.
1777

D.B13-518.

Doctors
Dr. John Brown
" Blair. 1728
W.B3-74.

Moore Powell
physician
1671

Doctor
Dr. Luke Haverld
1694. D.BI.63

Anthony Holliday a Dr.
174- D. B. 8-370.

Doctors
Moses Powell
physician 1671

W-M-Vol 7-228.

Dr. Geo. Lee of Surry
Co. on James River, dctd
in physique. etc 1678
" Pg 231

Doctors I of W.
Dr. Moses Powell
Practiced in I of W
1671
Wm & M. Q. V - 7.

Land Book
John Apple (Doctor) P. I
1782. 6 B.

Dr. Geo. H. Jordan

son of James M. Jordan + Martha
Hine dau of George Hines Enlisted
in April 1861 and served as first
Lt. under Sept. 1862 taking part
in the battles around Richmond and
was then compelled by ill health to
resign. For fifty yrs succeeding 1868
he was magistrate of this Co +
as 3 times elected to the House of
Delegates 1873, 75, + 77. Member of
the Masonic Order. First wife was
Martha S. Pope she died in 1875.
m. 2ndly Feb 15, 1877 Sarah Elizabeth
ekin.

Doctor

Doctor Samuel Browne 1745
D.B 7-286

Doctor

Dr. Thomas Willis or Wills?
1755
D.B 9-359.

Dr. Tho. Willis - 1750
O.B 1746-52 269.

To pd Dr. Kenneth McKenzie
3-12-2. Est of Wm. Stevenson
1739

W.B 4-248

Doctors

It has pleased God to visit me with sickness which is ye meanes of my ant today, therefore I confess a judgement to Doctor Havield for 430 lbs of tobacco.

3-9-1696

Thomas Williamson

D.B I-202

Doctors

Dr. Trezevant a Huguenot of S.C.

Medecine in Va in the 18nth Century

Doctor

Dr. Blunt - 1813
Dr. Bradford 1812
Dr. J. B. Southall - 1814
Dr. Geo Wilson 1822

Dr. Jesse Brown. 1751

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O.B 1746-52.

Doctor
Moses Powell 1671

Doctor
Doctor Bellew
1679
W+D B 2-204

Dr. Patrick Adams. - Est of Matthew Jordan
1744. W.B 4-527 I of W.

Doctors
Dr. Jesse Brown
1744
D B 6 - 492

To Dr. Willis for medicine.
aug. 17 - 1741
Geo. Norsworthy Est.
W. B 4 - 375.

To Dr. McKenzie. Est. of
Capt Tho. Hill. 1741
W B 4 - 388

I of W

Doctors
Dr. Samuel Brown
" Mortimore 1741
W. B 4 - 396